



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shigeru NISHIO et al.

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Examiner: Nhan T. Tran

Docket No.: 100353-00170

For: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR CONTOUR ENHANCEMENT

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 6, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species II, directed to Figure 4. Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 11 are generic. However, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 7-11 are also generic. Accordingly, Applicants, upon the allowance of any of generic claims 1, 2 and 7-11 retain the right to request rejoinder of the claims directed to the non-elected species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

This election is made **without traverse**.


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In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Species II, as currently recited in Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 and shown in Figure 4, on the merits.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. **100353-00170**.

Respectfully submitted,


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